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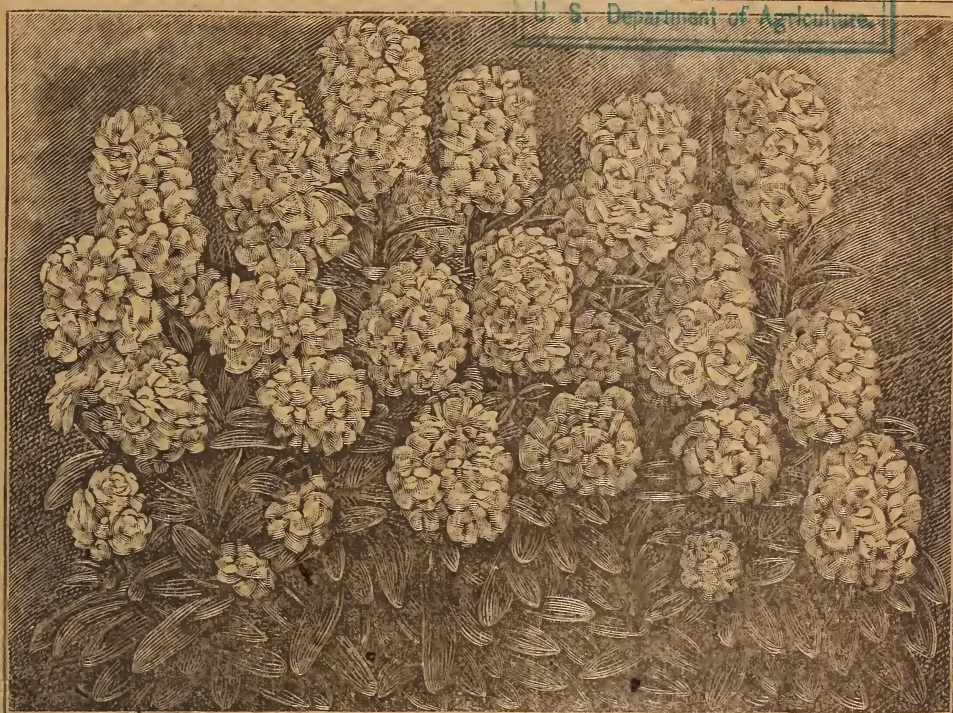
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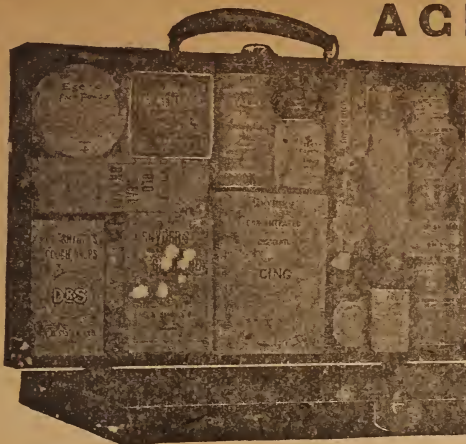


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### MONTANA WILD FLOWERS.

Dear Editor:—I wish all the flower-lovers could see the grand display of wild flowers we have here in western Montana. During the spring the foot-hills, roadsides and pastures are aglow with yellow, blue and white. Almost every one seems to try to crowd out and outshine the others. First we have what we call the Buttercup, a flower a half inch across, and grows somewhat like a winter Aconite, which perhaps it is. As soon as the snow is melted the roadsides and meadows are yellow with its waxy golden flowers.

A bulbous plant blooms at the same time and has flowers with three petals curiously marked, like the picture of a Calochortus. Soon after comes a beautiful blue flower with petals an inch long and nearly as wide, with a large yellow center. We call it the Easter flower, because it blooms at Easter time.

Then there are the blue Lupins, and three or four kinds of light yellow flowers, blue, white and yellow Violets, and dotted here and there on the hillsides and in gulches are great Sarvisberry

bushes, loaded during April with their nice, white blossoms.

By the time these are all through blooming the foot-hills are yellow with a plant that grows only a foot high, with light green, arrow-shaped leaves, and flowers like a small Sunflower. Then there are the blue Brodiaeas and four other kinds of blue flowers, and six kinds of white flowers, and a plant with foliage something like Portulaca and spikes of yellow flowers, and Fire on the Mountains; yellow flowers like Buttercups, and rose-colored and white wild Geraniums, wild Peas with long spikes of blue, pink and white flowers, and in June the pastures are decked with Bitter-root flowers. They are three inches across, with silky pink petals. At the same time there are bunches of Prickly Pear Cactus with silky yellow flowers, and the Tree Cypress with pretty long red flowers, and pink Baby Hollyhocks, and delicate Blue Bells, and a Grass with purple flowers, Wild Roses, Musk Plants and Sword Ferns. Later on we have blue Daisies, and the woods are full of Clematis Virginiana.

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Dear Flower Folks:—The little Magazine will  
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various reasons, not the least of which is because  
of the delightful friends I have become acquaint-  
ed with through it.

If Mrs. Smoot could see the lovely bed of Be-  
gonias she brought me and helped bed out, and  
the fine new growth the Phyllocactus has made,  
she would certainly know there was a place in  
memory for her several times a day, even if the  
personal remembrance were missing. Mr. Park,  
do not ever eliminate this personal feature of the  
Magazine.

Sometimes I think we do not visit with our  
flowers enough. We tend them and talk of  
them, but do not really spend time with them  
and enjoy their lovely companionship. I know  
that in the stress of work it sometimes seems we  
cannot spare the time, but flower-lovers, do  
try to take a half hour of each day to do nothing  
but visit among the flowers. You can note where  
they may be improved, and later improve them,  
but spend some leisure with them.

Edgar Co., Ill.

Emma Clearwater.

All Ears.—Dear Flower Folks: I am sure we  
were all glad to see the Editor's picture in the  
Magazine. I expected he would be mostly ears,  
since large ears are a sign of a large heart. May  
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## MARCH.

Where there was a snowdrift  
Just yesterday at dawn,  
Are now four hundred fairies  
Romp'ing o'er my lawn.  
Unafraid of frost-bite,  
Each funny little fellow  
Looks a tiny elf in  
Purple, white or yellow.  
They frolic in the sunshine,  
And joyously they joke us,  
To sing the song of Springtime  
In the language of the Crocus.

Indiana Co., Pa.

Domine.

## ORNAMENTAL BEETS.

WE often have a barren spot in some corner, or in the backyard, where a big foliage bed of the coarser plants would prove attractive, and there are no plants more desirable for this than the Ornamental Beets. They are rare in this country, but when better known may become popular as sub-tropical plants. The following interesting notes concerning the Chilian Beet are taken from the *English Flower Garden*, and will give some idea of the plants and their culture:

"A very showy plant, capable of being used with good effect is the *Beta cicla variegata*, the Chilian Beet. When well grown the leaves are more than three feet long, and present a vivid and most striking coloration. Their mid-ribs are four inches or more across, and vary from a dark, deep, waxy orange to vivid, polished crimson. The splendid hue of the lower part of the leaf-stalks flows on towards the point, and spreads in smaller streams through the main veins and ramifications of the great soft blade of the leaf, which is often one foot and even fifteen inches in diameter, if the plant be in rich ground. The under sides of the leaves are most richly colored, and the habit such that these

sides are well seen. It requires the treatment of an annual—to be raised in a gently heated frame, and afterwards planted out in very rich ground, though it may also be kept over the winter in pots. It varies a good deal from seeds, and the most striking individuals should be selected before the plants are put out. Used sparingly its effect would perhaps be more telling than if in quantity."

The seeds should be of a fine strain, and the plants selected to make the best effect. A large bed should be bordered by a row of the Victoria Beet or Dell's Crimson-leaved Beet. The Chilian is a Chard and does not produce thick roots. The leaf-stems, however, may be cooked and eaten when young and tender, if desired.

**For Graves.**—The old-fashioned hardy Myrtle is a handsome trailing plant that will grow well in sunshine or shade and stand drought well, blooming freely every spring.

It is a pretty evergreen trailing plant for graves. The hardy species of *Sedum*, known as *Crow-foot*, is successfully used for the same purpose; also the hardy purple *Verbena* and *Saponaria ocymoides*. A pretty, durable edging perennial, bearing small flowers throughout the season is *Tunica saxifraga*. For an early spring and summer display *Arabis alpina* is splendid. A clump of the plants appears

as a sheet of white bloom during the early part of the season. All of these, except the Myrtle and *Sedum*, are easily raised from seeds.

**Impatiens Sultani.**—This is a fine everblooming plant, suitable for pots or beds. The flowers are single, showy, and of various bright colors. Plants are easily raised from seeds, which should be sown in a box of porous soil in the house. Avoid crowding, as young plants are liable to damp off.



ORNAMENTAL CHILIAN BEET.



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## Circulation Bulletin.

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## Editorial.

**Clintonia pulchella.**—A very pretty little plant for pots is *Clintonia pulchella*, shown in the engraving. It spreads its slender branches gracefully, and bears its handsomely marked flowers in profusion, always eliciting the admiration and praise of those who are fond of chaste and delicate plants. As will be noticed, the plants and flowers are not unlike those of *Lobelia*, and as they keep in bloom for many weeks they are very desirable window plants. Propagation is readily effected by seeds, which are small, and must be sown and attended with care to get good results. They are plants well worth the attention of the amateur florist, and should be more popular.



CLINTONIA PULCHELLA.

**Park's Star Flower.**—This showy, free-blooming plant is one of the most desirable for summer bedding. Started early the seedlings come into bloom early in summer, while the plants are small, and continue to grow and bloom throughout the season, often reaching the height of eight or ten feet, branching and bearing their fragrant flowers in huge panicles. Even a small group of this sub-tropical plant makes a fine display upon the lawn.

## THE CARE OF CANNAS.

TO get the best results from Cannas the roots should be started in a tray placed in a frame, or in the house, early in spring, and transplanted to a warm, sunny bed as soon as danger from frost is past. Water sparingly till the sprouts push up, then apply water liberally. The great secret in Canna culture is to plant in deep, rich soil in a sunny exposure and water liberally. In Mexico, where Cannas grow wild, the Editor saw a swamp covered with luxuriant blooming plants, the shallow water standing about their roots. You are not, therefore, likely to water your plants too liberally. The Crozy free-flowering sorts are the most satisfactory for bedding purposes, as they make a gorgeous display of both foliage and flowers.

Cultivate the soil, and as soon as hot weather comes mulch the bed liberally with stable litter. This will keep the earth moist and cool about the roots, as well as act as a fertilizer.



CANNAS.

Remove the flowers as they fade, to prevent seed formation and prolong the blooming period. When frost nips the tops cut them off, lift the clumps with the wet soil adhering to them, then dry well and keep in a frost-proof room. A cellar is often too cool and close to winter them in satisfactorily. Choice

plants can be kept over winter safely by potting them in the autumn and keeping them in a retired place in the plant room, watering just enough to keep them in a growing condition.

The plants can be successfully grown from seeds, and seedlings will bloom in the autumn, if started early. Many persons recommend pouring boiling water upon the seeds and allowing it to remain upon them twenty-four hours before planting. This will hasten germination. To get good results from seedlings be sure that the seeds are of a first-class strain or saved from desirable varieties. By planting seeds raised by hybridization you are likely to get choice new varieties, and it is in this way that all of the finer kinds have been produced. The work is interesting, and may be engaged in by the amateur as well as the professional florist.

**Everblooming Pinks.**—The new Everblooming Pinks surpass the old-fashioned kinds in size, color and attractiveness as well as in blooming quality. The plants from early spring-sown seeds sometimes bloom late in the fall when conditions are favorable. They are entirely hardy, however, and can always be depended upon for a fine display of flowers during the second and following seasons, the plants continuing in bloom more or less throughout the summer and fall. They are excellent for edging beds and borders.



**DOUBLE TEN WEEKS' STOCK.**

(See illustration on 1st Title Page.)

IT seems strange that the Ten Weeks' Stock, an annual so nearly perfect in all the elements that go to make up a first-class flower, should be so rarely found in the amateur's garden. The plants are easily propagated from seeds, grow vigorously, come into bloom early, and bear freely and continuously until after frost. The flowers are produced in showy spikes, are of fine texture and rich colors, and are deliciously sweet-scented. Some of the colors are odd, as ash gray, chestnut brown and light brown. There are many bright and attractive colors, however, ranging from pure white to glowing scarlet, crimson and purple, and a good mixture of the choicer varieties will yield very satisfactory results. The seeds of the double varieties are mostly saved from pot plants by German florists who make a specialty of this flower. The German strains are, therefore, considered very reliable and are mostly satisfactory.

To succeed well the Ten Weeks' Stocks are started in March or April, in a window box or frame, and kept in a vigorous, growing condition until transplanting time. Avoid crowding, as that is liable to cause damping off, or it may make the plants slender and stunted, and when they get in this condition they rarely recover their vigor. Such plants, too, are likely to produce only single flowers. Transplant as soon as the weather becomes settled, watering and shading well for a few days till the plants become established. Stir the soil often and mulch with stable litter as warm weather comes. Good cultivation is always seen in the crop of bloom. Neglect will show in inferior flowers.

The Large-flowered Pyramidal, the Wall-flower-leaved and the Giant Perfection varieties are among the best of the well-known Stocks produced in Germany. The Dresden Perpetual or Branching Stock, a recently introduced strain, is, however, superior for amateur cultivation, as it comes into bloom early, branches freely, and bears an abundance of bloom. Princess Alice, the white-flowered variety, is shown in the engraving on title page, but the others are equally as handsome and attractive.

**Asparagus.**—The genus *Asparagus*, embracing the vegetable *Asparagus*, as well as *A. Sprengeri*, *A. plumosus nanus*, and other ornamental species, is a near relative of the Lily of the Valley, *Convallaria majalis*, and belongs with it to the tribe *Convallariæ*, of the Natural Order *Liliacæ*. Other relatives are *Polygonatum* and *Smilacina*.

**THE CALIFORNIA HYACINTH.**

**C**AMASSIA ESCULENTA is often known as California Hyacinth because of its resemblance to a huge Hyacinth when seen at a distance. It is the finest species found in the genus, and is readily grown, either in pots in the house or beds in the garden. It is a native of California and Washington, and formerly grew in large patches, making the landscape blue with its showy spikes of bloom. Recently, however, it has become quite scarce, because the Indians relish it as food, and have been hunting the bulbs closely.

The flowers, which are two inches across, and of a fine blue shade, are produced in loose, erect racemes that grow from one to three feet high. The bulbs are an inch in diameter, and thrive best in a deep, rich, sandy soil. Planted out in groups or beds the plants make a fine display during mid-summer. They are very desirable for pots in the house, however, as they never fail to throw up handsome trusses of bloom. Being rare they excite a good deal of interest and are always admired. If the stalks are cut just as the buds begin to open the flowers will develop in vases of water, and will thus make a display for some days.

When grown in pots the treatment is just the same as that recommended for Dutch Hyacinths. The bulbs are set with the crown above the surface, the soil being light, porous and well-drained, and the pots are set away in a dark place till roots form, then they are gradually brought to the light. If tall, robust plants are desired use large pots, and give the plants time to develop large roots. If you prefer dwarf plants, however, use small pots, and let them crowd the roots. Their culture is always successful if a little care is given, and this, with their more than common beauty, recommends them to all.

**Lobster Cactus.**—To have the Lobster Cactus bloom freely it should be kept in a rather small pot, one that crowds the roots considerably. Again it should be given a rest during the early autumn, allowing the soil to become almost dry and remain so for several weeks. This will mature the branches, and encourage the formation of buds. Begin watering moderately at first after drying, and keep the soil moist but not wet until the flowers are developed. See that drainage is good, and avoid over-watering or keeping the soil too wet. Many persons water too freely while the plant is budding and blooming, and before they are aware the roots have rotted and the plant begins to wither. When this condition appears, if the roots are gone the plant may often be saved by cutting the plant at the base and inserting the parts in sand or porous soil, keeping it moist and the plant shaded until new roots form. If the plants are shifted and a resting period is not given then they will sometimes fail to bloom.



TEN WEEKS' STOCK.



## Garden Culture.

### PANSY CULTURE.

**D**URING Spring preparations should be made for new Pansy beds or removals of the old ones. If the former work is to be done the seeds should be ordered and sown in boxes in the house in March, then the young plants will be large enough to transplant as soon as the newly prepared bed is well settled and the season far enough advanced. In making a new bed it will pay to remove all the soil and fill in with a new mixture through and through. Save the old sods taken up and lay them upside down in the bottom of the excavation. Prepare a soil of good garden earth and clean, well-rotted manure, fully one-third of the latter. An excellent plan is to fill the hole, which should be fourteen inches deep, with four-inch layers of each soil, covering each layer with a light sprinkling of clean sand, which will make the soil lighter. Fill heaping full and let it settle for several days, then go over it with a spading fork, turning it well up and mixing it thoroughly. Then let it settle again until time to put the plants in. It will need no further digging for that, as a well-settled bed agrees better with the young rootlets than a sort, loose soil.

Set the seedlings a foot apart, which will allow for lifting an occasional one in case they crowd each other too closely before the summer is over. If possible, have the bed on an eastern slope where only the morning sun reaches it, as that is the very best location.

Keep the flowers freely cut—do not allow seeds to form. Stir the surface of the soil each week. Water often, in the evenings. Keep an eye out for cut worms, especially in wet weather, and put scraps of fly paper down to catch them if there are any indications of their presence. In case a plant grows "leggy" dig it up, trim it a little and set it in again, with a handful of fresh soil to start on, and plant it deeper than before. Nine times in ten it will improve.

Don't think of economizing by buying inferior seeds. None but the best is worth having. So get that, and with a little care the result will repay the labor and expense many times over.

K. W. Lawson.

Bergen Co., N. J.

**About Cosmos.**—Last year I sowed seeds of red Cosmos in the time of the Apple bloom, and soon had plenty of fine, large plants. These I set in the hot sunshine in the ground, and gave plenty of water. They were soon quite like trees in stature and circumference. In October they were a mass of bloom for weeks, some pink, some red, and some the purest white, which were best of all. I filled a letter with blossoms and sent to my daughter in Alaska, and she received it five months later and found the flowers perfect in form and color.

Neal B. Inman.

Nez Perces Co., Idaho.

### ABOUT GRASSES.

**L**ET me institute a vigorous protest against the advice of planting Bermuda Grass. I recently saw this advice given in a floral department of a magazine, and I was moved to an indignant protest. The Grass is a link one, and every link will root, therefore when once it gets into a lawn it is simply impossible to eradicate it. In spite of care it becomes a brown, ragged mass, often too thick to cut with a lawn mower. One cannot burn off the brown, dead grass and give the roots a chance to send up a new green growth, as there will be a mat of green below the brown. Bermuda Grass has become a pest to California lawns. It will drive out Clover and Blue Grass in short order. Everywhere one sees lawns deeply ploughed, and one knows the owners are trying to get rid of the Bermuda Grass. These lawns will be planted in Blue Grass, and in three years time the Bermuda has killed it off.

It will seem strange to easterners to know that there is no grass in Southern California except that which is cared for on lawns. For this reason a fine lawn is as much desired as a fine house. The native "grass" is called Alfalfa. It is a lovely green, and springs up everywhere as soon as the first rains come, and flourishes finely all winter, growing knee high. I never saw stock fatten so rapidly in the East as they do here during the winter, when they feed off of Alfalfa, and I never truly saw cream, Jersey cows not excepted, until after the rains began, and the cows were turned out on Alfalfa. Ranchers say it is the richest feed in the world, and I am inclined to believe it. Alfalfa has a tap root and a long, fuzzy stem, from which grow broad leaves in pairs. The whole grows much as the Dandelion does, and that reminds me that this dear old flower is only seen here where it is carefully cultivated. When the rains cease the Alfalfa dries up, and the earth becomes brown and bare.

Georgina S. Townsend.

Los Angeles Co., Cal.

**Salvia splendens.**—I know of no one plant that will give so much beauty for such a length of time as will the scarlet Salvia. The plants are rapid growers and profuse bloomers. Plant the seeds early in pots or boxes, then transplant to the beds. Edge the bed with Sweet Alyssum and you will have one bright, beautiful spot in your yard until real severe frosts come. The white Salvia and the blue Salvia are two other sorts, but I have never had as good success with them as with the scarlet.

Mrs. Potter.

Worcester Co., Mass.

[NOTE.—At many of the suburban homes near New York City last summer could be seen immense beds and borders of scarlet Salvia. They were a blaze of glory, and showed attractively a half mile or more distant. When in full bloom in autumn there is no more gorgeous bedding flower in cultivation than the Large-flowered Salvia splendens, and plants of it are easily raised from seeds. Start them in boxes in April to get the best results.—Ed.]



## New and Rare Plants.

### ACALYPHA SANDERIANA.

I AM prejudiced against novelties, for so many have been such failures! So, when an *Acalypha Sanderiana* or "Chenille Plant" came as an extra this spring, I set it in a five-inch pot of ordinary soil, buried it under the Snowball in the garden, and forgot all about it, until the Only Man asked the name of that "plant with flowers like big red caterpillars." It was immediately given a place of honor in the northwest sitting room, where it attracts the attention of every caller by its vivid green leaves and long crimson "tails." My neighbor calls it "the happy plant," and it does look cheery, I acknowledge. So far no insects have touched it, and it has one qualification that may seem peculiar to those who have plenty of room and strength. So many plants, if they are thrifty, grow so rapidly that in a year or two one must give a whole window to one plant and call in the men to lift it; but the *Chenille Plant* expends its vigor on its blooms, being never without a flower. Mine is now in its original pot and only nine inches high, yet it has five glowing chenilles, measuring in all two feet and five inches. Do you know any other window plant so floriferous? It is one novelty which is all the catalogues say.

Aunt Prudence.

Caldwell Co., Mo., Nov. 16, 1902.

[NOTE.—The *Acalypha Sanderiana* is one of the few novelties praised by the FLORAL MAGAZINE. Like the others, it has proven very satisfactory, when properly treated. It should have a place in every collection.—Ed.]

**Pres. Carnot Begonia.**—There is a grand treat in store for all lovers of fine plants who will obtain a *Pres. Carnot Begonia*. It has lovely foliage, thickly spotted with silvery dots when new, but as the leaves get older these spots almost entirely disappear. The plant is a free grower, of good habit, but when the immense panicles of coral bloom come then it is indeed grand. These glorious blooms hang in clusters as large as a woman's hand on a well-grown plant, and they come in quick succession. It has not been troubled with insect pests with us. By all means procure a plant of this desirable *Begonia* as soon as you can. It will prove an ornament to any window. A soil of old swamp or leaf mold suits it, and I like to stir in soot from the wood stove occasionally.

Emma C.

Edgar Co., Ill.

***Zamia integrifolia*.**—This Cycad is an interesting and unusual plant. Its handsome, thick, pinnate leaves, similar to those of a Palm, unroll like a Fern, but from a bulb-like base. It likes a sandy soil, and generally indulges in a prolonged rest after a journey through the mails.

Flora Lee.

Dutchess Co., N. Y.

## THE PARISIAN WALLFLOWER.

MR. EDITOR:—I feel that I would be doing a favor to my floral friends by telling them something about the New Parisian Wallflower. I obtained seeds in the spring of 1899 or 1900, and raised a good many plants, despite the dry weather to which so many other seedlings succumbed. In September they began to bloom, and some potted ones continued throughout the winter in my window, scenting the room with



PARISIAN WALLFLOWER.

a fragrance unsurpassed by the Violet, and resembling that odor. I put them out in beds early in the spring, and they bloomed till June, rested through the summer, and began again in September, and now, Dec. 12, they are a mass of bloom, and we have had hard frosts and many freezes. I have several in full bloom in my window. I should find it hard to be without my Wallflowers.

Lula P. Conkley.

King George Co., Va., Dec. 12, 1902.

**Red Nicotiana.**—The Giant Red *Nicotiana* sold by some seedsmen has luxuriant tropical foliage, grows about five feet high, and the branches are surmounted by immense clusters of rose-colored flowers, unlike the white in shape and lacking fragrance. They are rather large and coarse for the garden, but you can pardon their lack of refinement from the one good quality of growing where nothing else will.

Snapdragon.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

[NOTE.—*Nicotiana macrophylla rosea* is the plant referred to. It is much like Tobacco in general appearance. It is suitable only for the background, or places where a coarse, tropical growth is desired.—Ed.]

***Oenothera taraxacifolia*.**—I have a beautiful Primrose which only grows a little tuft of leaves close to the ground, and each evening sends up a pretty little yellow flower not more than six inches above the ground, and the seed pods develop in a cluster at the surface of the ground, where they sometimes stay all winter, and the next spring give a good account of themselves. They are fine for a border to a bed. They bear transplanting well and come so early.

Madison Co., Iowa.

Mrs. Mary Spence.

## Floral Poetry.

### A DAINY TOKEN.

[TO MRS. CLARA SCHAEFER.]

The March snow-flakes fall,  
Fluttering lightly to the ground,  
A form is moving 'mong some tall  
And lovely plants where there abound  
Sweet little blossoms frail and slight,  
Within a conservatory's light,  
To cull a token of the spring.

She pulls one here and there, and so  
A little bunch of clusters clings  
Within her hands. Then o'er the snow,  
Where many passing sleigh-bells ring.  
She sends them by a messenger,  
Including kind regards from her,  
A reminder of the coming spring.

Primula's pink and crimson bells,  
And Ageratum's tender blue,  
Each glowing flower a message tells  
From a loving hand and heart so true,  
I place them near me where I sit,  
They are to me bright thoughts alit,  
And weighted with approaching spring.

Erie Co., Pa.

Lillie Ripley.

### DAFFODILS.

O Daffodil, Daffodil sweet,  
There is sunshine in your heart,  
Though drear without with snow and sleet,  
They are far from you apart.  
Sweet, more sweet than citrons' scent,  
Is your fragrance quaint and rare,  
You in your purity have lent  
Mortals world-weary with care,  
Brightening and cheering life so fleet,  
Know you the good you impart  
O Daffodil, Daffodil sweet,  
There is sunshine in your heart.

O Daffodil, Daffodil sweet,  
I would of your sunshine glean,  
So I, finding life more sweet,  
Could scatter sunshine I ween,  
And into each heart astray  
Sorrowing and sad, I would bring  
Happiness and joy away,  
Till they songs of gladness would sing,  
And your brave sunshine should greet  
Every sad and world-weary heart,  
O Daffodil, Daffodil sweet,  
There is sunshine in your heart.

Annicie Bodey Calland  
Champaign Co., Ohio.

### A VIOLET.

I spent a day of March in the woods  
Hunting for flowers so rare,  
When at last I came to a flower blue,  
A Violet sweet and fair.

I stooped down low to snatch it,  
But a frail voice seemed to say,  
"Why do you wish to pluck me  
Just to wilt and fade away?"

I then removed the loamy soil,  
And lifted the roots with care,  
And now in my little flower bed,  
There is no flower more fair.

Snohomish Co., Wash.

Olga A. Blacken.

### NATURE'S VOICES.

Nature, speak to me, I pray.  
"Lo, I talk with thee each day,  
Know'st thou not the hum of bees,  
Flitting 'neath the Linden trees?  
Every day they sing to thee  
Of the flowers upon the lea.  
Know'st thou not the robin's song?  
He doth cheer thee all day long.  
And the cricket's voice at night?  
He it is who hastes thy flight  
To the silent land of dreams  
With his never-failing hymns.  
Know'st thou not the thunder loud?  
In his accents stern and proud,  
He it is who speaks to thee  
Of the tempest's majesty.  
Dost thou know the silent love  
Of the sheltering boughs above,  
And the tenderness that breathes  
In the whispers of the leaves?  
And the sadness of the rain  
Tapping on the window pane?  
And the merriment that looks  
From the sparkle of the brooks?  
Each of these doth talk to thee,  
Sadly, yea, and merrily."  
Nature, speak to me alway,  
Even as thou hast spoken to-day.

Plymouth Co., Mass.

Linden.

### FROM THE HEART OF SPRING

'Twas one bright, glad springtime morning,  
Nature smiled in wanton play,  
But my fancies all hung clouded  
By a thick, despairing grey,  
By a bitter, blighting grey;  
I could, high up in the arching,  
See the blue of angel-eyes,  
But it seemed too far for reaching,  
And too shad'wy for a prize,  
Yes, too lofty for a prize,

As I paced in lonely musing.  
At my feet a Violet sprung,  
And above, in joyous carol,  
Thrilled a bluebird into song,  
Thrilled into a bubbling song.  
Lo! my heart was lifted straightway  
From its darkness into light,  
For my messengers of springtime  
Gave me back my hopeful sight,  
Gave me back my braver sight;  
My blithe messengers of springtime,  
Set my tortured fancies right.

Chenango Co., N. Y.

Vera Warren Payne

### A POT OF CALLAS.

Sitting in my window on this winter day,  
With its leaves so bright and green,  
Its two regal blossoms holding sway,  
Is a pot of Callas fit for a queen.

It blooms alike for rich and poor,  
If they give it half a show,  
With plenty of water and sun it is sure  
To put forth its strength and grow.

With every third leaf it sends up a flower,  
As white as the driven snow,  
With fragrance so sweet, it hath the power  
To gladden all hearts here below.

Norfolk Co., Mass.

Flora May Smith.



## Window Culture.

### A RARE POT PLANT.

**M**OST of the pot plants grown in America are such as are not hardy and do not succeed in the garden, and it is especially rare to find a hardy perennial used for window decoration. In Europe the hardy plants are common in plant windows, and many of them make a gorgeous and brilliant display.

In Paris a favorite hardy plant for pots is *Campanula pyramidalis*. The Parisian florists understand its culture well, and the specimens offered in the flower markets are exceedingly handsome. They are grown from seeds which are sown in the Spring, and the plants are wintered in cold frames. They are then potted in pots from five to seven inches in diameter, and kept in partial shade, plunged in coal ashes. The plants come into bloom in July or August, and remain in bloom for several weeks. The colors are blue and white, and the improved or compact-growing variety is preferred for pot culture, the plants growing only from two to three feet high instead of from five to seven feet high, the common growth of the older varieties under good conditions. The engraving on this page will give some idea of the appearance of a plant in bloom. The ease with which this *Campanula* may be grown from seeds, its hardiness and thrifty habit, and its general beauty all recommend it to those who love summer-blooming pot plants. It can also be successfully grown in the garden beds in a situation where the plants will be shaded during the heat of the day. Where the climate is very severe the plants should be protected during the winter by a covering of evergreen boughs.

## TRANSPLANTING GLOXINIAS.

**I** TRANSPLANTED my Gloxinia seedlings for the first time when the first pair of leaves was about the size of a silver dime. They were crowding each other so closely that they had to be moved. Of course, the baby plants will not be all the same size, and it will not be necessary to move them all at once. One must use their judgment about that. The two-inch pots and little tin spice cans measuring the same are the right size for the first setting. I get leaf mold from the woods and sift it through an old colander for the soil. The seedlings require very careful handling. I pick them out with a hairpin or a pointed splinter of wood. Keep them in a warm, close room, and not too wet or they will rot off. I have transplanted mine three times, and now they are in four-inch and five-inch pots, and tin salmon cans.

Mary B. Appley.  
Wind. Co., Conn.



CAMPANULA PYRAMIDALIS.

flowers before they had time to fade, and new buds constantly appeared. I think it would have bloomed on until summer, had it not been somewhat neglected. Yellow in winter flowers is rare, but the double yellow *Nasturtium* fills the bill admirably.

Morris Co. N. J.

Miss E. L. Sutton.

**Double Yellow Nasturtium.**—Last Fall I potted a double yellow *Nasturtium* in a five-inch pot, using coarse sand, garden soil and some decayed barnyard fertilizer. I kept it on the back porch till the weather became too cool, then placed it in a sunny window up stairs, where there was no fire, watering it occasionally. Early in November I brought it down into the warm sitting room, placing it in a south window. It grew finely and bloomed freely during January, February and March. I picked the



## Propagation.

### PROPAGATING ROSES.

OUR Rose garden has been very fine this year, and I am cutting some immense roses now. The beds were carefully prepared and well drained and with well enriched soil were ready for planting. Last spring I bought over eighty fine two-year-old Roses from different greenhouses, getting the cream of both old and new varieties, fine, large strong plants, and I pride myself on the selection, growth and culture of these Roses. This coming spring I shall double that and lay out a fine Rose garden. I have now rooting over a hundred Rose cuttings. Good, strong cuttings of well-matured wood are selected any time from the 15th of September till the last week in October. Mine have now been down about two weeks, and are as fresh looking as when cut off. I plant the cuttings three inches deep where they are to grow, placing a little sand at the base of each cutting. I press the soil down firmly, then place over each cutting a fruit jar, draw up the soil around the jar until about half way, water and leave them to take care of themselves, unless the weather is dry, then they must be watered. As cold weather approaches place some well-rotted manure about the jar, giving an additional covering as the weather grows more severe, until you have filled up to the bottom of the jar. Keep this on till all frost is out of the ground in spring, then remove the manure, and later on the jars.

Jennie Spencer.

Marion Co., Ill., Oct. 23, 1902.

**Starting Seedlings.**—When planting seeds of Geraniums, Cannas, Japan Morning Glories, or any seeds the plants from which are a little difficult to transplant, or which are desired to be of large size when transplanting time comes, try filling pasteboard boxes (two-pound oatmeal packages cut into halves are fine), with rich loam, and planting the seeds therein. The plants can be allowed to get quite large, then before transplanting soak the soil well, prepare your place, tear the pasteboard box from around the soil, and you will have the nicest square of rooty soil you may wish for. These are extra nice for starting Dahlia, Canna, Tuberose or Madeira tubers in. The great objection to them is the room they take, but one can make room for at least a few to have extra nice plants.

Edgar Co., Ill,

Emma Clearwater.

**Starting Geranium Slips.**—Perhaps some of the flower-lovers like myself thought Geranium slips should be of the old growth, but the tender slips root much more readily. Put them in good dirt, pressed firmly about them, water well, then set in a partial shade and water no more until top of dirt looks dry. I always take a slip with a heel of the old growth on it and put in good sandy dirt, well pressed around them, then keep wet and in the hot sun all day.

Aunt Nan.

Clark Co., Ky., Dec. 31, 1902.

## Cacti and Odd Plants.

### MY CACTI.

Could I rhyme you, old fellow, as there you stand,  
Twelve feet tall, could I call you "grand"?  
Let's see—that rhymes, but, dear me!  
What if I touch you just to see  
If you really are a poetical theme,  
If you have some beauty, or grace of form,  
Or fragrance, say, or some subtle charm!—  
If I were to touch you, just to see—dear me!  
My would-be poetical "theme" would certainly seem  
To turn into nettles, and needles and pins,  
To hornets with stingers, and dog fish with fins,  
And every other abominable thing,  
That with barbs and pinchers can torture bring.  
So I'll not even try  
To make a rhyme for you, tall Cacti:

Maude Meredith.

Cook Co., Ill., Sept. 29, 1902.

### CANDLE CACTUS.

IN the Magazine for November H. S. Nichols inquires for the botanical name of Candle Cactus, giving an illustration and description of his plant. Although our Editor, who is usually so correct, gave it the name of *Cocoloba platyclada*, I think the correct name is *Kleinia articulata*. The sketch fairly represents either plant. I have both, the *Cocoloba* and *Kleinia*. How does the following description agree with your plant? Stem round, three-eighths to five-eighths of an inch in diameter. Color a gray-green or olive-green. At short distances apart on the stem are little scars, left by the leaves that have dropped off. Leaves similar in color to the stems, sometimes purplish underneath; petioled and lobed, and sometimes divided at the base. Flowers yellow and somewhat resembling a small Dandelion.

The *Kleinias* belong to the composite family, the same family as the Daisy, Marigold, Cineraria, Sunflower, etc. They are natives of the Canary Islands, where they grow around the rocky seashores.

There are several species of more or less curious growth that make pretty pot plants. All are easily cultivated in a sandy soil, with care in regard to watering. All are easily propagated from cuttings in sand.

Anemos.

Suffolk Co., Mass., Nov. 21, 1902.

[NOTE.—Anemos has the Editor's thanks for bringing this matter up. There should be no difficulty in deciding the true name of the plant from his description, as the *Cocoloba* has flat, jointed stems.—ED.]

**The Tillandsia.**—The Air Plant or Wild Pine, *Tillandsia*, is quite an oddity, as it grows by being simply wired to a piece of rough bark and watered daily. The species I have (*caespitosa*) has gray leaves, which are fine and almost wire-like, and the whole is consequently somewhat bristling in appearance. There are few roots to be seen. It belongs to the same family as the Spanish Moss of the south.

Flora Lee.

Dutchess Co., N. Y., Sept. 28, 1902.



## Floral Miscellany.

### ABOUT PANSIES.

Do not make the mistake of thinking the shape of the bed is of more importance than the plants the bed contains. Let the bed be simple in form, but be sure you have the best of seeds. Few will notice the form of your bed, but they will be sure to remark on the size of your beautiful flowers, also their brilliant and varied colors. It is a very pretty idea to have a bed of pure white, one of blue, one of yellow and so on through the great scope of colors. At any rate, do not have half-a-dozen different colors in one bed, unless you are sure they harmonize in color. Nothing is more jarring to the artistic sense of the true Pansy lover than a conglomerate map of colors placed without any reference to harmony. I can heartily recommend Rømer's Giant Pansies. No ordinary seeds will give the grand blooms produced by this German strain. In size, form and color they excel all others. In hundreds of plants you will not be likely



PANSY.

to get one poor flower, while the ordinary seeds yield plants that produce scarcely anything else. Choose northern exposure if possible for your Pansy bed, but let it also be an open one, where the air will circulate freely, as Pansies will not thrive in a close corner. They will grow in almost any soil, but will fairly revel in a very rich, sandy soil. Do not plant too close together. One would be surprised to see how much space a fine, healthy plant will cover, and the flowers are much larger and more brilliant if not crowded. They should be set at least eight inches apart. They may be used as edging plants for beds with good results, if the colors in the bed are such as harmonize with them. You can lengthen the blooming period as long as you will, by keeping the flowers picked every day, as their destiny is the formation of seeds, and as long as the flowers are kept picked no seeds can form. If allowed to bear seeds your bloom will soon cease.

Tuscola Co., Mich.

Ida Belmer Camp.

**Seedling Arborvitæ.**—For a room where the temperature is often too low for anything not hardy, Arborvitæ (Thuja) is an excellent plant. When raised from seeds several plants may be grown in one pot.

Dutchess Co., N. Y.

Flora Lee.

### LITTLE GEM CALLA.

I KEPT my Little Gem Calla for years without having a bloom, and had decided to throw it in the street. I had always treated it like the large Callas, giving it rest in Summer and repotting in the fall. A friend told me to keep it growing all the time and give it plenty of water in Summer. I tried this, and last Spring my little Calla bloomed beautifully. I believe it would have continued to bloom through the Summer, but the weather was so hot that the buds dried up before they opened.

Mrs. R. Newton Foster.

Pr. Ed. Co., Va., Sept. 22, 1902.

### BUILDING BONES.

Of Great Importance That Children Have

Proper Food.

A child will grow up with weak and small bones or strong and sturdy frame, depending on the kind of food given.

That's why feeding the youngsters is of such great importance. The children do not select the food—the responsibility rests with the parent or guardian, or with you if you select the food for a boy or girl.

The scientific selection of this food should begin as early as possible. That's when the delicate little plant needs the tenderest care. A well known lady of Calistoga, Calif., says: "About two years ago my little niece was taken sick. When medical aid was called one physician pronounced the case curvature of the spine; another called it softening of the bones and gave but little hope of her recovery. For weeks she had been failing before her parents thought it anything but trouble from her teething.

"She had been fed on mushes and soft foods of different kinds, but at last her stomach could retain scarcely anything. At this time she had become a weak little skeleton of humanity that could not much more than stand alone.

"The doctors changed her food several times until finally she was put on Grape-Nuts which she relished from the first and ate at almost every meal and her recovery has been wonderful. She has been gaining ever since in strength and weight.

"She has eaten dozens of packages of Grape-Nuts in the last year and a half and the child is now a rosy-cheeked and healthy little girl, still clinging to her Grape-Nuts.

"It is plain food that has saved her life by giving her body the needed material to keep it well and the bone material to build with." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.



### HOW THE YELLOW VIOLET CAME.

The bleak March wind was sharp and cold,  
Yet up through the brown and frozen mold  
A blue-eyed Violet sought this place,  
Turned to the sky with modest grace,  
The sun shown right down in her face—  
And the Violet turned to gold!

Catt. Co., N. Y.

Benjamin B. Keech

### THE GLADIOLUS.

**W**HILE every flower-lover possesses at least a half-dozen *Gladiolus* bulbs, and many gardens rejoice in hundreds of kinds and varieties, comparatively few know the history of this floral favorite. The *Gladiolus*, sometimes called Sword Lily or Corn Flag, was at first found in ninety novelties, fifty of which were from the Cape of Good Hope, the remaining forty in Africa, Persia, Europe and one species in Great Britain.

The original *Gladiolus cardinalis*, could not be kept during the winter in cold countries, but from them came *Gladiolus gandavensis*, and later these were supplanted by *Gladiolus Lemoinei*, a superior bulb with richer markings and finer shape.

It is said that the *Gladiolus Childsi*, a new strain from *gandavensis* and *Sandersoni*, was purchased from their originator, Max Leichetlin of Germany, for \$20,000, and that they have been improved during the past year. In size and brilliancy they excel any other sort, but the bulbs do not multiply rapidly, and the stems need support, as they are too frail to bear the heavy blossoms which distinguish this species.

A scepter, some have called them, dreaming  
Of royal thrones and bowers,  
But everywhere I watch them gleaming,  
The Butterflies of flowers.

Bradford Co., Pa.

Lalia Mitchell.

**Egg-shell Pots.**—Did you know that egg shells make nice thumb pots? Place them in a shallow box of sand. A small hole can be broken for drainage. The little plants grow nicely in this arrangement, and when they are ready to be shifted the shell can be broken so that the plant need not be disturbed.

Henry Co., Ill., Nov. 20, 1902.

Nellie.



GLADIOLUS.

### EUPATORIUM PURPUREUM.

**E**UPATORIUM PURPUREUM or Jo-pye-weed is a superb plant for the lawn or hardy border, and when in bloom is as striking as some tropical plants that are sought after. I procured plants that grew in swampy and dry places, and they seemed to do equally well in my garden. They do best where the sun gets at them all day, but will do fairly well in partial shade. Those in my garden bloom a little earlier than those in the meadows, and develop larger heads of bloom. In the vicinity of Lake Erie this species belongs to August, and by the first of September the bloom and foliage look rather scaly, and should be cut down.

E. H. Norris.

Erie Co., Pa.

[NOTE.—The Editor saw specimens of this *Eupatorium growing* in a swampy place last fall that were twelve feet high, and bore immense panicles at the top. It is a native plant well worth cultivating for ornamental effect.—Ed.]

### AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

#### What Postum Did There.

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## MY EXPERIENCE WITH A "NABBY FROST."

Mr. Park:—If ever tempted to disobey the Divine injunction, "Give to him that asketh thee," it is when some choice flower is asked for by one who I know will neglect it and let it wither and die, possibly not even plant it at all. I had some fine, thrifty Petunia plants I had raised in boxes, had a bed prepared, and was transplanting them when my "Nabby" came. "I do wish you would give me a few. I do think they are so pretty. I never can have any luck raising them from seed, etc." So I gave her a goodly number with some other plants. This was early in the morning. Late in the afternoon I went over to her house. As I stepped on the porch the first thing that met my eye was my poor little Petunia plants lying on a shelf, where they had been subjected to the hot rays of the sun shining full on the white-washed walls of the house and reflected back with increased power, dry as a crisp. I could have cried. "Oh, I didn't have time to set them out then," she said as I spoke about it. "I thought they'd live better if I waited till night." So they might had she wrapped them in a wet cloth and put them in her well-house where it was cool and shady. Yet she would gush over flowers until you would think they were her chief ambition in life. And she did love them if some one else raised them and went to all the trouble and expense, as the following shows:

All day services were to be held at the little country church at G. Floral decorations were in demand. I agreed to furnish two stone jars full of Gladiolus and Hollyhocks. This lady said: "All right; we will carry them in our buggy. Just lay them in this basket, and I'll be apt to be there before you will. It will be too much trouble for you to carry them, as you are going to walk." I told her the children would help me. But, no, she insisted on being kind and carrying them. Well, I got to church, but my Gladiolus and Hollyhock flowers did not. She made some excuse about their being "so in the way." The next day I went over to her house, and there were my flowers, one jar on either side the fire place in her parlor, where they glowed and bloomed for fully three weeks, but after bud opening until all had bloomed. But my poor little Gladiolus bed was stripped bare. I had bought the bulbs and had done the work, and my Nabby reaped the benefit.

"Such is life."

She was "too poor" to buy seeds, yet the ribbons and laces she would expend money for in a year for her one little girl was more than I could spend for clothing for one of my little boys. I suppose she thought me woefully extravagant in spending a few cents each spring for seeds, but she loved to profit by my "extravagance." I hope some "Nabby" will see this and be profited thereby.

Alice R. Carson.

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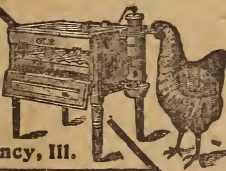
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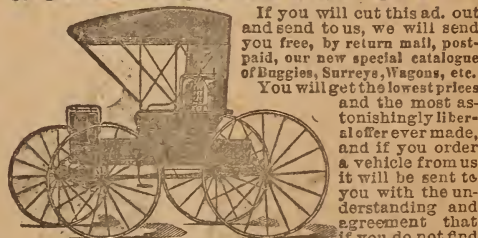
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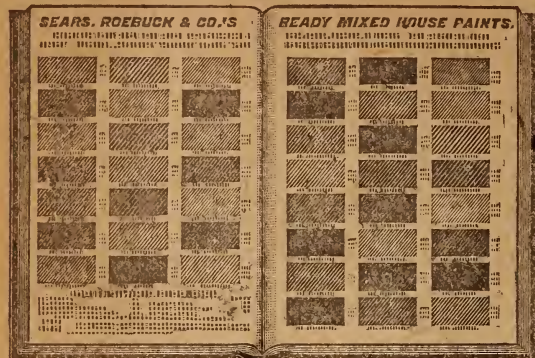
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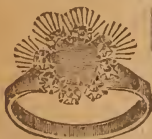
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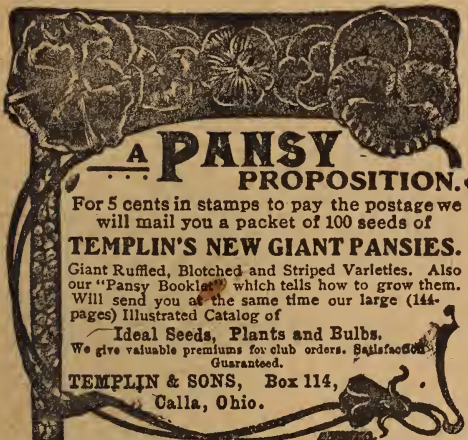
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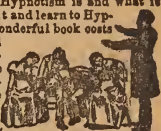
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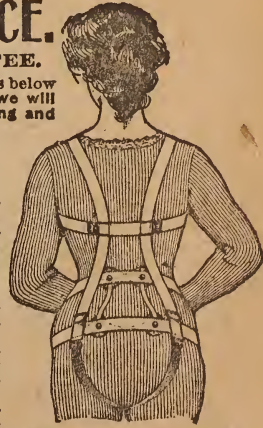
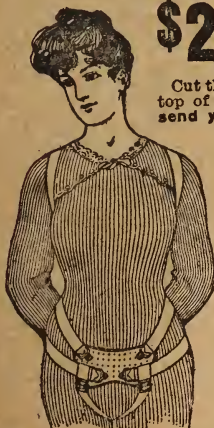
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Susa M. Mead.

Windham Co., Conn., Nov. 24, 1902.

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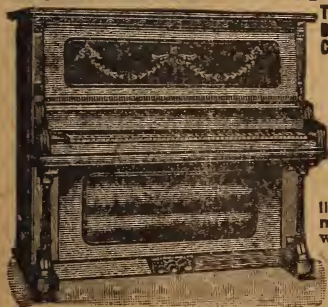
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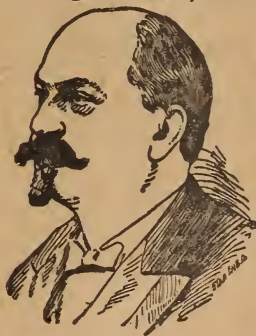
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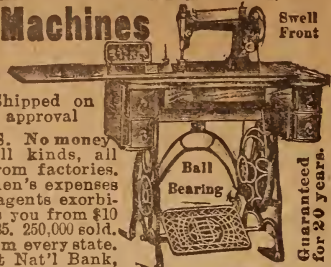
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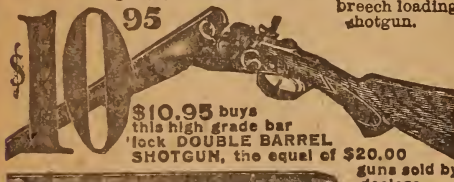


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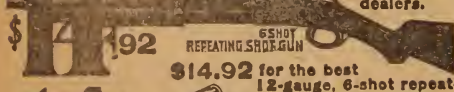
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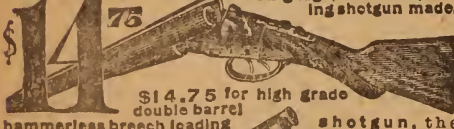
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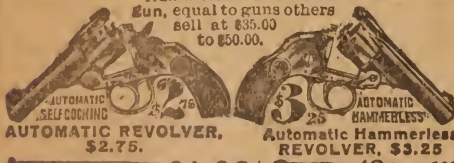
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Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl nine years old and live in the country. I love flowers and birds. My sister Zella and I each have a flower bed. We have Roses, Snapdragons, bulbs and Daisies. I have a box of house plants in my bedroom window. I read your piece about birds. A pair of blue birds built under our bedroom window last spring, and some little wrens built on the back porch.

Elsie Bendure.

Umatilla Co., Oreg., Nov. 24, 1902.

[NOTE.—Cats are natural enemies of birds and very destructive. No bird-cat should be allowed to live after the first blue bird's song in early spring.—Ed.]

## THE FROGS.

On an evening in the springtime,  
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"Knee deep! Knee deep!" It's the little frogs,  
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And then for fear of some one there  
They stop and say no more.

"You'd better come back", an old frog calls,  
In a warning, threatening way,  
And the froggies silently comply  
Without a word to say.

"You'd better go 'round", another frog croaks,  
As if on mischief bent.  
And he stopped to say "It's going to rain",  
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We like to hear the croaking frogs,  
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## GOSSIP.

Dear Floral Folks:—Living within ten miles of Kansas City, Mo., its Annual Flower Show is my one dissipation; and I have thought often to write to the sisters through the Magazine, thinking they might enjoy reading of it. But after all, how shall I convey an idea of the bewildering beauty of the Chrysanthemums, Roses, Carnations and Orchids? Florists from far and near sent their finest specimens. We were promised a sight of Chrysanthemums sixteen inches across. I did not see any measured, but there were some mammoth blossoms. Being so late (Nov.) there were not so many flowers as there would have been earlier in the season. President Roosevelt sent twelve specimen plants from the White House conservatory. Then in the rear of the hall, back of the floral display, there was a reproduction of Washington's Mt. Vernon home.

The great lesson to be learned from the show, the great fact apparent, was the grand result of care and cultivation. Out in my yard scores of Chrysanthemums were lifting their brave, cheery faces to the November sky; but how dwarfed they seemed when compared to the florist's pampered pets.

For me there are not likely to be many more springs and summers of greenness, bloom and fragrance, and shall I believe there is nothing of the flower but its transient loveliness? Or shall I believe that its beauty that seems so real, may after all be only the symbol of the real? The Saviour said, I am the vine, ye are the branches. Did he not teach us that the objects of the natural world were only symbols of things unseen and real? One thing we know, the same Life broods over the natural and spiritual worlds. Dear Mr. Park, along with the other friends, I bid you God speed; your mission is one of brightness and sweetness, and I believe you are faithfully doing your best.

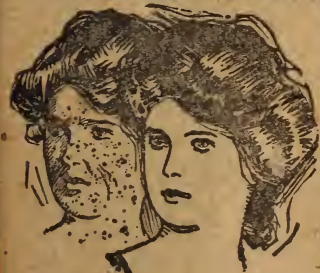
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Wyandotte Co., Kans., Jan. 24, 1903.

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Georgina S. Townsend.

Los Angeles Co., Cal.

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old, but I love flowers ever so much. I live in the  
country, and have a nice little home and plenty  
of room for flowers.

But I must tell you first of our great and sad  
misfortune. Last September the great hand of  
God was raised, and the death angel crossed our  
threshold and claimed his own—our dear  
mother. And, dear friends, only those who have  
lost a devoted mother can realize our grief. I  
have one sister living. She is ten years old, and  
one brother who is eight. Papa works at town,  
and after the death of my dear Mother, Papa  
thought it best to send me to school away from  
home, so he sent me to an aunt in Brown county.  
I came home to visit Papa and the children at  
Christmas, and to my heart's grief all the much  
cherished flowers were frozen. They had not  
been placed in the pit. We had 182 well-rooted  
Geraniums, and a good many cuttings I had put  
out before I went away. We had a white Gerani-  
um last year that had twenty-seven clusters of  
white blossoms, each cluster being from three to  
seven inches in diameter. It was the prettiest  
Geranium I ever looked at, but every Geranium  
was frozen, also three pretty Oleanders about  
five feet high. My heart was broken. Every  
flower-lover must know it was hard to lose so  
many, and most of them raised and tended by  
the ever watchful care of my dear mother.

I could not bear to go back to Brownwood, so  
Papa brought us all home, and we are going to  
school at home, and I find it much easier to learn  
at home with the little ones by my side than  
away from home and those poor little motherless  
darlings. Nobody knows what place a mother  
fills till they try to fill that place. Every little  
care and joy of theirs to share, to settle little  
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his favorite top or ball is lost, and to coax and  
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